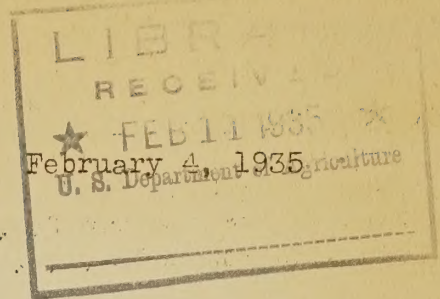


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(1) Cooperative marketing.

MADISON, WIS. CAPITAL TIMES. I. 1/24. In traveling around Wisconsin interviewing large numbers of farmers and dairymen, I find this query uppermost in the minds of most of them: Can cooperative marketing succeed and if it is valuable to the best interests of farmers, why is this enterprise standing still or deteriorating and in many instances being abandoned in favor of the private dealer system? * * * Cooperative marketing will eventually prevail in Wisconsin. There must be a centralized sales agency whereby our farmers can secure full advantage of lower transportation rates to Eastern markets and many other advantages which we have over states farther west. When farmers realize their full responsibility, finance, manage and control their own associations, cooperative marketing will succeed. (R. P. Ames)
(18028*)

Editorials - Pro

(2) Prosperity on the farm.

GREENSBORO, N.C. RECORD. D. 1/17. Farm income increased in the United States last year by \$1,000,000,000. Farm purchasing power rose to 80 percent of the pre-war level, as compared with 62 percent in 1933. A.A.A. benefit payments exceeded \$370,000,000 during 1934. * * * But, can you find a farmer who admits he's prospering? (701945)

(3) Controlled expansion.

RICHMOND, VA. SOUTHERN PLANTER. 1/35. * * * Entering 1935, agriculture embarks upon a new course of the present era; that of controlled expansion. * * * A feature of the new contract is that the small farmer, upon whom the old program worked undue hardships, will be allowed certain exemptions. The changes made in the new A.A.A. contracts indicate that agriculture has definitely "turned the corner" and is now headed back to better times. * * *
(18022*)

Editorials - Con

(4) Agriculture a la Russe.

CHICAGO, ILL. TRIBUNE. IR. 1/24. * * * Mr. Wallace substitutes government checks for crops. The Soviets have encouraged their farmers by stealing their produce; result, famine. Further encouragement is offered by sending the successful producer into exile as a kulak. The American commissars have a different technique, but they'll accomplish the same purpose.
(702375)

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News Columns

- (1) Johnston farmers to form exchange.
RALEIGH, N.C. NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 1/25. Smithfield. * * * (18027*)
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- (2) Inquiry is urged on process taxes.
NEW YORK, N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/24. (Wash.) A resolution for investigation of the practical application of processing taxes on farm products was introduced by Representative Otha D. Wearin (D. Iowa). * * * "We want to find out if profits of food processing organizations are comparable to those of the people who produce the food. We cannot understand why last year one packer made \$25,000,000 while all farmers were losing money." (18030*)
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- (3) Says farm key to prosperity.
DES MOINES, IA. REGISTER. IR. 1/18. (By J.S.Russell) The nation can thank the farmer for such national recovery as the United States now is enjoying and the farmer holds the key to any further national economic stability and prosperity, Ed. O'Neal, of the American Farm Bureau Federation, said in addressing the Iowa Farm Bureau convention. * * * (325678)
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- (4) Farmers enjoy bumper yields and high prices.
BOISE, IDAHO DAILY STATESMAN. R. 1/21. (By Mrs. R. Frost) * * * Comparison of values this year with last reveals marked difference in income on Twin Falls tract. (18026*)
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- (5) State farm meet brings further harmony with A.A.A. program.
RENO, NEV. GAZETTE. R. 1/22. Harmony with the A.A.A. program was the keynote of the annual Nevada State Farm Bureau session which continued in the civic auditorium here today, with 125 delegates and guests representing every county bureau in the state enrolled. * * * (325666)
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- (6) New Spirit to farmers.
KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 1/23. (Washington) Farmers of the Middle West are starting 1935 with a spirit of confidence and optimism, F. W. Nieneyer, general agent of the Farm Credit Administration, with headquarters in St. Louis, stated at a conference of general agents of the twelve farm credit districts. * * * (18025*)

- (1) Life insurance concerns turn to farm loans.
NEW YORK, N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/20. Gain in mortgages in last half year believed to show reversal of policy. (322736)

News Columns - Con

- (2) Control of production declared forerunner of new order in U.S.
NEW YORK, N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/25. (By Mark Sullivan) * * *
What is happening is that America is being carried into a new order of society and is being carried there by acts of Congress. * * * Of what is coming there is a hint in a speech Secretary Wallace made at Rockford, Ill., August. 19. A newspaper summary read: "Mr. Wallace called for obliteration of party lines and the establishment of an economic democracy based on A.A.A. crop control units, N.R.A. code authorities and a Nat'l. Economic Control recognized by Congress." But once Congress recognizes this new order of society, Congress will presently become as gradually impotent and unnecessary as did the Italian Parliament, which, within the last year, amiably voted itself out of existence. * * * It is precisely the incredible that is happening before our eyes. * * * (324943)

C O T T O N

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- (3) Our choice in cotton.
GREENVILLE, S.C. NEWS. ID. 1/22. * * * To restore a "balanced" situation as to American cotton, it would seem that we are faced with a choice of either bringing about in some manner a restoration of a pre-depression level of world consumption of our cotton or else making further drastic reduction in our production. (702364)

- (4) Cotton is still a problem.
KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 1/21. * * * Unless a program which relieves growers of all restrictions and permits cotton to sell on the world's markets at uncontrolled prices is evolved, cotton will continue to be a problem. It is not only one of cotton growers, but of all other interests connected with the cotton trade and of all who are interested in building up foreign markets and relieving the drain on the treasury due to unemployment. A new plan to compensate growers if necessary without reducing production or pegging prices for the entire crop should be evolved. (18022*)

- (5) The cotton surplus.
DAYTON, OHIO JOURNAL. R. 1/18. * * * The perennial problem of the

cotton surplus is forever rising to compel the authorities on agricultural marketing to burn the midnight oil. The administration, if it approaches that problem from the standpoint of the reciprocal tariff agreements, will be approaching it from the right direction. * * * (701331)

Editorials - Pro

(1) A vote of confidence.

RICHMOND, VA. SOUTHERN PLANTER. 1/35. The most encouraging piece of farm news for the New Year is the fact that farmers stuck together and voted overwhelmingly to continue the Bankhead and Kerr-Smith acts for control of cotton and tobacco production in 1935. * * * Unless we miss our guess; it will serve further to whip into line many of our present incumbents, who fought farm legislation in the last Congress. The firmness and cooperative spirit evinced by our farmers should prove a "word to the wise." (18023*)

(2) Cotton in a far-flung world.

MONTGOMERY, ALA. ADVERTISER. D. 1/20. Do the nations constitute an economic unit? Is each self-sufficient? The President of the United States, a wise man, knows that the nations are inter-dependent, and is contemplating the possibilities of an international agreement for control of world cotton production. * * * This is of vital concern to the South, to Alabama, to Montgomery. We are dependent upon the world. The world is dependent on us. (700582)

Editorials - Con

(3) The fight on crop restriction.

DALLAS, TEXAS TIMES HERALD. IR. 1/17. The interests who cannot enjoy full prosperity unless the farmers furnish them with a large cotton crop, are continuing the fight on crop restriction. * * * (701687)

(4) Extending Cotton control.

HOUSTON, TEXAS POST. D. 1/21. * * * As the situation now stands the foreign producers benefit just as in former days cotton farmers who refused to sign up for voluntary acreage reduction benefited from the reductions affected by farmers who cooperated in the reduction campaigns. (701330)

- (1) Markets the only remedy.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMAN ID. 1/22. * * * Lost foreign markets and not local overproduction of cotton is the curse of the American cotton grower. Hence the remedy for the evil lies in the recovery of the lost market. It does not lie and cannot lie in the curtailment of local production. * * * (701944)

- (2) Another monkey wrench.

NEW YORK, N.Y. WALL STREET JOURNAL. 1/24. A bill has been introduced in the Senate designed to limit trading on commodity exchanges in contracts for future delivery covering cereals and cotton. Apparently there is no end to the supply of monkey wrenches which some of the lawmakers at Washington are anxious to drop into marketing machinery, on the theory that the more damage they can do it the better it will be for the producing farmers. * * * (701690)

News Columns - Con

- (3) Cotton farmers and the tariff.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. TIMES-UNION. ID. 1/23. * * * Secretaries Hull, Wallace and Morgenthau were reported as having discussed with the President the pending reciprocal treaty pacts. But Texas evidently doesn't think that anything but a revision of the tariff will bring relief to the Texas cotton planters. The situation is serious. (18024*)

- (4) Raw cotton trade withdraws its code blaming A.A.A. curb.

NEW YORK, N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/24. (18031*)

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News Columns

- (5) Cooperation held need of milk industry.

NORFOLK, VA. VIRGINIAN-PILOT. ID. 1/18. Campaign to educate public in nutritive value of product discussed at Virginia Dairymen's Association convention. (322447)

- (6) Use of milk on increase.

BUFFALO, N.Y. TIMES. I. 1/21. (323639)

News Columns - Con

- (7) Dairymen warned of Federal curb.

LANSING, MICH. STATE JOURNAL. 1/24. Grand Rapids, Jan. 24. (AP)

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Editorial - Pro

- (1) Keep what you have.

SIoux CITY, IA. TRIBUNE. I. 1/19. Much talk has been heard lately regarding the advisability of continuing the processing tax on hogs. Due to lack of information and slow returns, farm sentiment in many circles seems to be definitely crystalizing against this phase of the A. A. A. program. * * * Until a better plan than the corn-hog adjustment program is devised, it seems both logical and sound that producers should stick to a curtailed production program rather than risk a repetition of the ruinous price schedule that was their lot when no planned effort was being made in their behalf. (701946)

News Columns

- (2) World wheat area increased slightly.

NEW YORK, N.Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. 1/22. Washington. Leading producers maintain or add to seeding of 1935 acreage. (323633)

News Columns - Con

- (3) Packing firm head attacks Federal plan.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. OKLAHOMAN. ID. 1/24. Declaring the country faces an actual shortage of livestock, Thomas E. Wilson, board chairman of Wilson & Co., criticized the Government's wholesale slaughter of young animals in the A.A.A. crop control program. * * * (18032*)

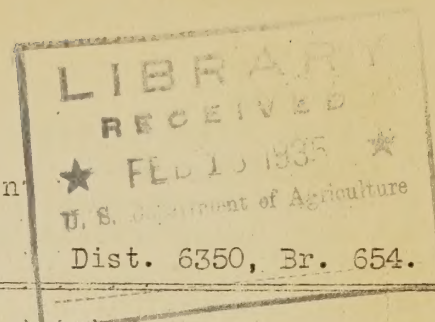
- (4) Rice farmers protest A.A.A. 1935 program.

HOUSTON, TEXAS CHRONICLE. I. 1/18. Bay City. * * * (325679)

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(1) Industry must help agriculture.

DESERT NEWS, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. I. 1/16. Agriculture during the year 1935, will, according to reliable estimates, produce 90 percent of what it did in 1929, but farmers cannot afford to produce more nearly at capacity until there is a better balance than now exists between agriculture and industrial prices and production. If industry will do as well, agricultural prices and incomes will improve and industry and the people will benefit. * * * (703587)

(2) Peasant Farming.

ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS. I. 1/22. There is perhaps a no more eloquent indication of changing agricultural economy than the present wide discussion of the idea that specialized and highly mechanized export farming in new countries has reached its limit. * * * So-called peasant farming does not appeal to a generation nurtured on the bonanza idea, though the majority of the world's farm families earn their living in just that way. The bonanza days are still so fresh in memory in new countries, and this includes the United States, that it is quite a mental wrench to get away from the idea. And it is to keep American farming on its commercial basis as an industry living on cash crops that the A.A.A. program of acreage arrangement is directed. (703596)

(3) A fundamental difference.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. TRIBUNE. IR. 1/22. * * * If manipulating tariffs, either by horizontal reduction or by special agreement, can do much to restore foreign trade, that fact has yet to be demonstrated. There is still some doubt whether the foreign trade, which is being so confidently discussed, really exists. (18217*)

Editorials - Pro

(4) Easy to understand.

RALEIGH, N. C. NEWS AND OBSERVER. D.2/2. * * * Farmers have learned that controlled production means a living price and for farmers will be willing to once more pile a surplus to be transported at a profit to shippers but at no gain to themselves. (707170)

(5) Basic farm problem remains.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., ARGUS LEADER. R.1/29. Those who have a proper appreciation of the vital necessity of achieving for the farmer a permanent place in the nation's economic sun should not rest on their oars. * * * To most easterners the farm complaint is a political wail and no more. It is something to be considered in their minds in connection with elections, but there is no proper comprehension of its basic importance. The more enlightened go so far as to admit that there is a farm problem, but they regard it largely just as one of many similar difficulties in the nation's economic structure. * * * (706016)

Editorials Con

- (1) Can farming be regimented?

TOPEKA, KANS. CAPITAL. R. 1/26. * * * If voluntary co-operation leads almost imperceptibly but irresistibly to compulsory regimentation, then in ten years, more or less, the farmer will no longer be capable of being classed as the outstanding or sole remaining "rugged individualist." (703588)

- (2) When a radical's ox is gored.

DAVENPORT, IA. TIMES. IR. 1/24. Several years ago John Bosch, head of the Minnesota Farm Holiday Assn., was a leader in many demonstrations against farm foreclosures. * * * Several days ago this agrarian radical, with his brother, filed suit to foreclose on a mortgage which he holds against a farm owned by the heirs of a pioneer family of that state. He complains that the mortgagor has been uncooperative, failing to pay interest and allowing taxes to accumulate against the property. * * * The change of front on the part of this farm leader is a sardonic sequel to the resorts to violence and intimidation which he and other farm holiday officers organized. Law and order were trampled upon, a spirit of revolt fostered. Now that it has all come home to Mr. Bosch, perhaps other of his associates in outlawry will be sobered by a realization that the "money lender" has rights which must be respected. (704842)

- (3) A.A.A.'s winding sheet.

CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. I. 1/25. * * * Last year the drought saved the institutional life of A.A.A. and the political lives of Secretary Wallace and his brain-trust aids who had decreed that food should be scarce. The drought obligingly made food scarce, but a few more inches of rainfall could have made it abundant, despite all the blow-under edicts from the brains of Tugwell and Ezekiel. * * * The white snow is the coverlet for the infant plenty of 1935. It is also likely to be the winding sheet for the artificial famine, inherent in the defeatist idea of A.A.A. (18196*)

News Columns

- (4) Opens new type farmers' market.

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER. ID. 1/21. (Los Angeles) A farmers' market has been opened here as the first unit of a project visualized as a sort of antidote to the Machine Age. The project is a huge village square - picturesque buildings, shops, libraries and schools of instruction devoted to the arts and handicrafts. As a non-profit community enterprise, it is the dream of a former Minnesota farm boy, Roger Dahlhjelm, who came here a few years ago from Seattle. * * * (18211*)

- (5) Texas grange organization to be formed.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/22. 800,000 U.S. farmers now members; to have Dallas headquarters. * * * (18201*)

(1) Farmers should help themselves in this crisis, says Hall.
TOPEKA, KANS. DAILY CAPITAL. R. 1/10. * * * Farmers, instead of looking to Congress for aid, must help themselves in the present crisis thru farm co-operative associations. * * * (18200*)

(2) Plans to curb A.A.A. favored.
LOUISVILLE, KY. COURIER JOURNAL. I. 1/19. Jones, House leader, would limit crop adjustment scope of body. (Wash.) (AP) * * * (18206*)

(3) Farmers in Jersey split on planning.
NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 1/13. Compulsory cooperation applied to agriculture variously regarded. * * * (By Wallace S. Moreland) * * * (18216*)

(4) Texas needs industry to aid farmers.
DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/18. * * * Receive lower prices for products raised due to long haul. (By Walter B. Moore) * * * (18202*)

(5) High feed cost reduces German hog production.
DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/22. * * * (18215*)

(6) Britain to place 18,000 families of idle on farms.
CHICAGO, ILL. DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 1/24. Estimate cost of project at \$56,000,000. (By John Steele)(London). Eighteen thousand families of idle men are likely to get farms, houses and free lessons in farming this year under the scheme for settling the land, which has been announced by Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald. * * * (18197*)

(7) Foreign trade up sharply in Britain.
NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 1/21. * * * (London) * * * (18203*)

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(8) Farming upturn noted in sales.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., AGE-HERALD. ID. 1/21. New Orleans land bank business placed at \$3,300,000 total. * * * (18210*)

(9) Southern farms reveal general optimistic air.
NEW ORLEANS, LA. TIMES PICAYUNE. ID. 1/28. Conditions declared better than at any time in four years. * * * (323191)

(10) Texas farm finances in better shape.
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- (1) Utah farm leader pins hope on A.A.A.
SALT LAKE, UTAH TRIBUNE. I. 1/25. * * * (18194*)

- (2) Permanent plans for agriculture urged by Knapp.
DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/13. Special board to deal with Texas farming problems advocated. (By Victor H. Schoffelmayer) (San Antonio, Tex.) Reconsideration of the Federal Agric. Adjustment program implying mild but constructive criticism of some of its provisions, and hope that long-time permanent planning to be substituted for it in the near future featured the closing session of the Texas Agricultural Workers' Association convention here Saturday. Dr. Bradford Knapp, president of Texas Technological College of Lubock. (18198*)

News Columns - Con

- (3) New Deal is chided on publicity ideas.
NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 1/27. Krock says government uses 'propaganda mills' - objects to 'off the record' talks. * * * Joslin holds Roosevelt is not 'impartial' in comments - sees him 'using' press. (18193*)

- (4) New Deal hurts farmer, Rutgers Institute hears.
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/29. Labor betrayed by N.R.A., says Jersey Federation head. (New Brunswick, N.J.) The New Deal suffered today at the hands of speakers addressing the Rutgers University Institute of Rural Economics. * * * (327181)

C O T T O N

Editorial

- (5) Old King Cotton topples.
ST. LOUIS, MO. POST DISPATCH. ID. 1/23. Through government payments and higher prices, cotton grower has been greatly benefited by restriction program; smaller crop, however, means losses to workers formerly employed in handling product; pegging of prices makes huge inroads on export markets; writer says administration and Congress face widespread criticism. * * * (18212*)

Editorials - Con

- (6) World cotton agreement.
NEW BEDFORD, MASS. STANDARD TIMES. I. 1/26 * * * Meanwhile the fact that an international agreement has been discussed suggests that the Administration is disturbed by the fact that American growers have lost some of their foreign markets, and that production in foreign cotton-growing areas is on the increase. (705759)

(1) Too much "restriction" now.

GREENVILLE, S. C. NEWS. ID. 1/24. * * * Let us get away from so much effort at "restriction", and put more emphasis upon promoting the sale and consumption of cotton, at least to the extent of eliminating those things which appear to be actually putting the brakes on the increased use of cotton. (704704).

(2) Coddling cotton growers.

HARTFORD, CONN. TIMES. ID. 1/21. * * * Much money flowed into the South because of the Government's action. The fact has helped a great section for the time being, and had a part in stimulation of the recovery movement generally. It is, however, stimulant and not tonic. The country's consumers and taxpayers are paying for the treatment. We may not condone the resort to it as an emergency expedient. As permanent practice it would be likely to prove most unwholesome and inefficient. (704708)

(3) Belated confession.

WASHINGTON POST. I. 1/20. Control of cotton through an international agreement is the latest objective of the Administration in the agricultural field. * * * The experience of the Administration with the international wheat agreement affords little hope for the success of the current proposal. The proposed negotiations are encouraging only because they imply recognition of a fundamental weakness in the A.A.A. that should have been considered at its inception. (18204*)

(4) Cotton growing abroad.

HOUSTON, TEX. POST. D. 1/27. * * * While American Government is paying a bounty to farmers to destroy cotton, governments in Africa and elsewhere are paying bounties for cotton production. * * * (704705)

News Columns

(5) A.A.A. cools toward cotton agreement.

MEMPHIS, TENN. COMMERCIAL APPEAL. D. 1/23. Stabilization of exports would be tedious process. (Wash., D.C.) (AP) * * * (18214*)

(6) A farm prosperity idea.

KANSAS CITY, MO. STAR. I. 1/17. * * * The best way to restore prosperity to the American wheat farmer and cotton producer is unrestricted production, with protection for the domestic price, if necessary, and competition on the world market for the sale of the surplus by effecting lower transportation costs in the United States. That frank opinion was offered today to the commission of the Farmers' Nat'l Grain Dealers' Assn., studying marketing methods. * * * (18205*)

- (1) Texans flying to Brazil for cotton study.
DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/19. * * * (Waco, Tex.) To make a survey of cotton production in Brazil, W. B. Dossett, secretary-treasurer of the Exporters' and Traders' Compress and Warehouse Company here and Edward Hoehn, Texas manager for the cotton firm of Pape-Williams and Company will go to Pernambuco, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and other sections of Brazil.
* * * (18207*)

- (2) Peru revising cotton tariff to halt Japan.
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE. IR. 1/20. * * * (Lima, Peru) * * * (18208*)

News Column - Pro

- (3) South's cotton bests suits Japan's needs, Ambassador Saito says in Athens interview.
ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 1/24. (By Julian Harris)(Athens, Ga.)
* * * (18218*)

News Columns - Con

- (4) Cotton law roils Texan.
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. TIMES. IR. 1/20. * * * Bankhead Act grave detriment to raisers. (Alton, Tex.) * * * (18213*)

- (5) Foreign growing of cotton menaces U.S. Export trade.
ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 1/27. * * * (18191*)

- (6) Violence flares in farm dispute.
WASHINGTON, D.C. STAR. I. 2/3. * * * (Memphis, Tenn.)(AP) Bitterness in the East Arkansas sharecropper war increased as two young organizers for the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union told of having been beaten with pistol butts when they were taken from a sharecroppers' mass meeting at Gilmore, Ark., across the river from Memphis. * * * (331226)

L I V E S T O C KNews Column - Pro

- (7) Farmers smile as livestock prices jump.
WICHITA, KANS. BEACON. I. 2/1. (By Albert Arkules) The month of January witnessed the sharpest advances in livestock values in four years.
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News Column - Con

- (1) Creation of Federal livestock board urged by Chas. E. Collins.
DENVER, COLO. POST. I. 1/10. Western stockgrowing industry is neglected in Washington, Coloradan tells National Assn.; attacks New Deal legislation. (Rapid City, S.D.) (18199*)
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- (2) Staggering wheat yields in Italy.
WICHITA, KANS. BEACON. I. 1/30. Of intense interest to Kansas, known as the greatest hard wheat producing region in the world, are reports of phenomenal wheat crops grown by Italian farmers under the direction of Mussolini's scientific specialists. The yields gained in Italy cause the wheat crops of Kansas, as well as those of other prolific American states, to appear small. * * * (18190*)
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Editorial - Con

- (3) A processing tax unsound.
DES MOINES, IA. REGISTER. IR. 1/20. Farmer cannot raise hogs profitably under it. * * * (18209*)
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A.A.A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

Editorials

(1) Toward integration?

WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 1/17. Discussion of the proposed amendments to the Agricultural Adjustment Act serves to emphasize the real magnitude of the task by which the Administration is confronted. From a strictly agricultural point of view, it should not be difficult to detect the weak points in the law and remedy them. But the A.A.A. is not operating in a vacuum. * * * When the Administration begins to talk about modifying the agricultural program, it raises the whole broad issue of harmonizing unrelated policies. * * * Farm leaders complain against price-fixing in industry and "unduly high wages on public works." In turn, industry complains about the processing taxes on agricultural commodities. Exporters of both farm and factory products contend that higher prices and increased costs make it difficult for them to compete with foreign enterprise. * * * Any thoughtful survey of the present situation will reveal a grave need for merging of these disparate measures into a comprehensive national policy. If the broad gauge conferences on the future of the A.A.A. are a step in this direction, they will constitute a most significant milepost in the history of the New Deal. (18439*)

(2) No hope seen for an upturn in farm prices.

ALLENTOWN, PA. CALL. I. 1/31. * * * Total cash income received by the farmers in November was larger than a year ago because benefit payments by the Government amounted to \$73,000,000 as compared with \$12,000,000 in November, 1933. * * * This increase, however, was not sufficient to offset the rise in the prices of goods purchased by the farmers. (708105)

(3) Charity checks.

JACKSON, MISS. NEWS. D. 2/5. The Cleveland Enterprise, published in the County of Bolivar, which produces more cotton than any county in the world, says: "Hog dog!" The "charity" checks have come - 1,728 contracts, leaving 320 yet to be received, and we have hopes they will be here soon. The country should be safe now. The 1,728 payments received total in cash \$199,865.72. About \$65,000 is involved in those unpaid. This will all help in tax payments and in other matters." * * * The Enterprise is at least candid in referring to the payments as "charity checks", for that is exactly what they are. When you are paid money for doing nothing, that's charity. No other word in the language fittingly describes the transaction. (709118)

(4) Mounting farm incomes.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. STAR. IR. 2/1. Every Hoosier will be gratified by the report from Purdue University which shows a substantial upturn in receipts of the state's farming population. * * * To be effective, however, this improvement must be achieved by normal economic processes and not stimulated by artificial methods offered as panaceas by a group of swivel-chair theorists. (18432*)

(1) Farm and industrial prices.

LOUISVILLE, KY. HERALD-POST. I. 2/7. One of the difficulties with which agriculture has had to contend under the recovery program revolves around the fact that industrial prices have been boosted much faster than agricultural prices. * * * The measure of recovery in the future, then, will be determined principally by the price and production policies of industry. Agriculture is more and more interested in this question, because it has progressed about as far as it can in raising prices by reducing supply. The recovery program now on is up to industry. (710192)

(2) Benefits for business.

MONTGOMERY, ALA. ADVERTISER. D. 2/2. The United States News says: "Some of Henry Wallace's researchers are devising a plan of bounties for industry, somewhat like the bounties for farmers. They would have the Federal Government compensate industries and reduce prices in order to increase production and move more goods. That would be the A.A.A. in reverse." * * * Not only have agricultural subsidies aided the farmer, but as the South can bear witness, it has put money into circulation in rural areas, aiding also the urban centers in farm districts. * * * Business is puzzled and needs assistance. If it can be found through the medium of subsidies, along with the same system of local representative council, it should go a long way to reestablish the confidence so necessary to expansion, and invaluable in spurring activity to profitable ends. (708117)

(3) The Brazilian treaty.

WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 2/3. * * * If we were to link commercial trade treaties with debt agreements, or impose hampering restrictions upon the export activities of countries that can expand their buying power only by increasing their sales, we should in the long run find that our reciprocal trade treaties had become barriers to, instead of instrumentalities of, our foreign trade expansion. (18434*)

(4) Toward trade expansion.

CLEVELAND, OHIO PLAIN DEALER. ID. 2/1. Increasing interest in the restoration of foreign trade is displayed in Washington. * * * The board idea of greater freedom in trade, which fortunately is coming into favor again in leading nations, is hardly consistent with the Peek proposal to establish and maintain through quotas and similar devices as nearly as possible exact trade balances with each nation. The quota is one of the devices of the nationalistic policy that is as definitely on the defensive as the high protective tariff. If freedom in trade means anything, it means the right of producers everywhere to sell where they can sell most advantageously, and of buyers to buy in markets in which their money commands the most, without regard to the effect of such buying and selling on the balance of payments. (18435*)

(5) World trade proposal.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 2/1. The proposal of Roper and Wallace for a board of world trade will not be welcomed abroad. If it had come from some other country, it would have held more promise of success. * * * The present proposal is too patently a design of the United States to solve, by calling other countries to its aid, its domestic problem of huge agricultural surpluses brought on partly by

this country's past high tariff policy. * * * The proposal is also untimely because it is an indirect admission of the failure of the A.A.A. program and a direct confession that slow progress is being made under the Trade Agreements Act. Washington officialdom is becoming alarmed at the prospects of the world competition with our cotton-producing industry. It is being forced to the realization that some kind of trade readjustment is going to be necessary if we are to hold our foreign markets for our agricultural products. * * * If Roosevelt would solve the problem in one stroke, his only chance is through a reconvening of the World Economic Conference. Such proposals as that now made by Roper serve only to muddy the waters. (18437*)

(1) The planning of Britain's food imports.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD PRESS, ENGLAND. 1934. The following two paragraphs are taken from a 1934 publication of the University of Oxford. (By K. A. H. Murray and Ruth L. Cohen) "Finally, the results of the study emphasize once again the importance of the demand factor in the determination of the prices of agricultural products. A reduction of supplies to their 1927-29 level will not in itself assure to the farmer the prices he obtained in these years.... The index of the prices of agricultural products in England and Wales fell, however, from 120 in 1931 to 107 in 1933, a decline of 9 per cent. This decrease, and failure of prices to rise, can only be attributed to a drastic falling off of demand, arising either from a reduction in the demand for food as compared with other commodities, which is unlikely, or from a general decline in consumers' spending power. If demand conditions remain as at present, it will be impossible to raise prices to, say, their 1927-29 level merely by a reduction of supplies to the volume prevailing in those years.

"There are signs that consumers' purchasing power has increased since 1933, and this has been accompanied by a slight rise in agricultural prices. The provisional index numbers for the first eight months of 1934 indicate that the volume of food imports is not materially different from the corresponding period of 1933, while home production has certainly not decreased. This bears out the contention that, while supply restriction may have prevented a continued or even greater fall in prices than actually occurred, it is to an increase in demand that the farmer must look for a return to more prosperous times for farming." (18506*)

Editorials - Pro

(2) Farmers cooperating.

WILKES BARRE, PA. RECORD. R. 2/1. If the large number of recently organized agricultural cooperative associations is an index, the farmers of Pennsylvania are showing a greatly quickened interest in united efforts to improve their marketing methods. * * * Capably and honestly run, they should better the farmer's lot and help him solve many vexing problems. (708119)

(3) Farmers' Week.

YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO VINDICATOR. ID. 2/2. This has been Farmers' Week at the State University in Columbus, observed annually for some years with increasing attendance that warranted the planning and programs which have stimulated an important industry. * * * The future for agriculture can be no problem so long as the farmers keep up their interest in organization and the opportunities to study improved methods. (708103)

- (1) Farmers more prosperous.

MOBILE, ALA. REGISTER. ID. 2/4. Farm conditions in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana showed marked improvement in 1934 over 1933, according to a statement made by Dr. R. L. Thompson, deputy general agent of the Farm Credit Administration, with headquarters in New Orleans. * * * (709109)

- (2) New Deal teases farmer.

BOSTON, MASS. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR. 1/31. Farmer and Wall Street both discontented with it, but for different reasons - Farmer grunts it is a good beginning but doesn't go far enough. (By Richard L. Strout) * * * Just a good beginning - A good beginning, maybe, and worth watching, but if it weren't for that crop curtailment check from Washington, and his share of the \$1,000,000,000 federal credit extended to some 400,000 farmers, Farmer McNab might be out now with some of his more belligerent neighbors, in a Farm Holiday campaign. * * * (18505*)

News Columns

- (3) Truck farmers to be organized.

MACON, GA. EVENING NEWS. D. 2/2. * * * (18428*)

- (4) Financial circles watch effects of many movements.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 1/24. Markets influenced by uncertainty as to developments in Washington and Europe. * * * (18504*)

- (5) Union of tenant farmers pushed.

MACON GA. EVENING NEWS. D. 2/2. * * * (Tyronza, Ark.) (UP) The Southern Tenant Farmers' union, which is led by a small group of youths allegedly backed by socialists, wants to unionize southern farm tenants like industrial workers are organized. The union leaders, now centering their efforts on share-croppers in the Mississippi River delta, eventually hope to have an organization strong enough to be recognized by the Am. Fed. of Labor. * * * (18426*)

- (6) Cost of food to State increased 52 percent.

RALEIGH, N. C. NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 2/6. The State of North Carolina today pays an average of 52 percent more for groceries and provisions than it paid when the Legislature was in session two years ago. It pays 58 percent more for textiles and clothing; 29 percent more for coal. * * * (18441*)

- (7) Tenant farmers plead for relief at 'hunger rally'.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 2/8. * * * (Harrisburg, Ark.) (AP) Approximately 300 white and negro sharecroppers staged a "hunger" rally on the courthouse steps, presented county officials with a plea for relief and disbanded after a meeting described by Sheriff J. D. Dubard as "quiet and orderly." * * * (18500*)

- (1) Italy bars imports of wheat and meat.

N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. - 1/30. Decree also includes silk garments, some steel and tractors. (Rome) (UP) * * * (18502*)

News Columns - Pro

- (2) Farm prices pass the pre-war parity point as result of the drought and A.A.A. payments.

N. Y. TIMES. ID. 2/8. * * * (335124)

- (3) Increase in crop values through A.A.A. work cited.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 2/6. Growth from \$58,000,000 to \$91,895,000 in state farm yields shown. (Baton Rouge, La.) * * * (18431*)

- (4) Farmers' record on loans lauded.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. TIMES-PICAYUNE. ID. 2/6. 99.99 percent of production advances paid. * * * (335301)

- (5) Despite confusion, trend of business goes upward.

WASHINGTON, D. C. HERALD. I. 2/2. * * * (By Merryle S. Rukeyser) * * *
The impetus for the improvement springs from the improved balanced relationship among the incomes of the various social and economic groups. The lift came primarily from the further rise in farm income, which followed the drought. If industry and employment continued on the present level, a beneficent spiral will tend to improve the market for a wide variety of farm commodities. (18433*)

- (6) American farmer well started on recovery road, says Babson.

LINCOLN, NEBR. STAR. I. 1/27. (By Roger W. Babson) (Babson Park, Fla.)
The highlight of 1934 was the recovery on the farm. As a result of the drouth, the American farmer finds himself better off today than at any time since 1930.
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- (7) Farm losses run definitely lower in 1934.

CHICAGO JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. - 1/24. * * * Since early 1933 the fortunes of agriculture have again been on the upgrade. In spite of drouth, soil erosion and other minor ills, the farmer is living again. * * * (18503*)

- (8) O'Neal tells I.A.A. farmers have neglected their original charge to guide the Government.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. DAILY PANTAGRAPH. I. 2/9. Leading farm organizations agree on program - 'Task is to complete farm recovery and establish prosperity.'
* * * (18499*)

- (1) Irrigated farms in brisk demand.
SAN ANTONIO, TEX. EXPRESS. ID. 2/3. Over 3,500 acres sold in Medina District since last fall. * * * (333303)
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News Columns - Con

- (2) Legality of Farmer Act to be argued.
FT. WAYNE, IND. NEWS-SENTINEL. R. 2/4. * * * (335302)
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- (3) Battle opens against Mortgage Act.
MILWAUKEE, WISC. SENTINEL. IR. 2/3. * * * In a case of far reaching importance to financially burdened Wisconsin farmers, Federal Judge F. A. Geiger was asked to pass upon the constitutionality of the Frazier-Lemke Act. * * * The gist of the question was whether the law was fair and in accordance with the due process of law protections of the Constitution when the mortgage holder is not permitted to take part in setting the new value of the mortgage. * * * (333665)
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- (4) Fruit shippers assail waste by Government.
CHICAGO, ILL. DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 1/17. End of burocratic activities urged. Misery, discontent, chaos and disorganization will result unless all wasteful and unnecessary government expenditures are eliminated, J. W. Davis, president of American Fruit and Vegetable Assn. predicted at the organization's 17th annual convention. * * * (18440*)
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- (5) Public must awake to changes taking place in American forms.
PHILADELPHIA, PA. INQUIRER. I. 2/4. (By Mark Sullivan) Until the gold decisions, and actions that they may entail, and conditions that may arise from them - until all that is out of the way, it is probably impossible to focus public attention on other matters. * * * Some of the things being done at Washington and the consequences of them are so incredible to American habits of thought that probably not one person in a hundred realizes what is taking place. But editors throughout the country, among other leaders of thought, ought to realize. They ought to make it their business to realize. (18438*)
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- (6) Whitewash in press gag probe seen.
CHICAGO, ILL. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. - 1/28. * * * (18449*)
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- (7) Shouse urges citizens to watch Government.
WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 1/29. Liberty League President would awake voters to exercise their sovereignty. * * * (18448*)
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- (1) Liberty body sees dictator in work plan.
WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 1/28. * * * Parliamentary body is seen
nonentity in attack by League. * * * (18447*)

C O T T O N

Editorials

- (2) New efforts to extend the market for cotton.
BIRMINGHAM, ALA. NEWS. ID. 1/30. A general principle which the Birmingham
News has been advocating for some time is set forth in a request which has just
been presented to Congress by Rep. Fulmer, of South Carolina. He is asking for
an appropriation of \$150,000 to be used in experiments in the use of cotton
stalks for cellulose. Behind this idea is the hope that, under favorable condi-
tions, cotton stalks might replace spruce as the main base for many products
such as rayon. * * * Technological methods in processing, together with new
fields in marketing, may yet prove to be the ultimate solution of the cotton
problem. (708097)
- (3) Tariff adjustment or process taxes?
LOUISVILLE, KY. COURIER-JOURNAL. I. 2/3. * * * In the absence of foreign
markets, crop reduction and the processing tax are helpful emergency measures.
But to get rid of processing taxes and to restore production for world markets,
tariff adjustment appears to be necessary. Then surplus cotton can be sold at
a world market price to meet foreign competition. (18436*)
- (4) The share-cropper problem.
RICHMOND, VA. TIMES-DISPATCH. ID. 2/8. * * * Perhaps the increasing
world demand for cotton will provide at least a temporary answer to the problem,
but there can be no permanent answer until the whole Southern agricultural
economy is changed and it is made possible for these tenants and share croppers
to acquire small farms of their own, or to earn a decent livelihood in some other
way. (710187)
- (5) Belated recognition of competition.
DALLAS, TEX. TIMES-HERALD. IR. 2/1. The move of the Administration to work
out a world-wide cotton production agreement is, of course, a confession that
foreign competition is proving embarrassing to lint growers of the United States.
* * * The menace of this foreign competition is real, but efforts to meet it are
coming rather late. * * * Comprehensive steps should have been taken long ago
to save Southern cotton land from deterioration, to improve quality and increase
yield, to systematize marketing methods, to discourage the tendency to depend
entirely upon cotton. The growers as well as the handlers should have been per-
mitted to profit from the foreign market. Today, with a large part of its soil
depleted through single-cropping and erosion, and with thousands of its farmers
in a state of poverty-stricken tenantry, the South is poorly situated to meet
foreign competition in cotton production. * * * (708096)

Editorials - Con

(1) Losing the South's "White Gold"

SYRACUSE, N. Y. POST-STANDARD. R. 2/1. An extremely disquieting report on cotton is published in the current issue of the Texas Weekly. It shows that exports from the United States are falling off seriously and foreign production is growing by leaps and bounds. * * * The present policy is wrong and should be changed. It should be changed for a national policy of reducing costs, so that tariffs may be lowered without harm to the American people. Then foreign nations can pay for their cotton imports with exports to this country. (707513)

(2) Processor tax has become menace to cotton industry.

NEW YORK JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. - 2/5. Recent annual mill reports to stockholders show that the corporations have been paying from 9 to 12 percent of their total sales values to the Government in the form of processor taxes for the benefit of farmers. * * * The industry is getting together rapidly to test the constitutionality of such a tax, not because of opposition to its uses in protecting farmers but because it is confined to a single branch of industry. Suits are already on the court calendars. * * * (707515)

(3) International cotton control.

BEAUMONT, TEX. ENTERPRISE. D. 2/4. Some amusement may be created in foreign countries by attempts of the American government to bring about an international agreement to regulate cotton production. The American Government, through its A.A.A. Administration, curtailed American cotton production. When American production decreased, foreign production increased. What other result could have been expected? Now, the American Government is saying, in effect: "Let's get together and do something about cotton production." * * * (710189)

News Columns

(4) Cotton fabric group to seek protection.

NEW YORK TIMES. ID. 1/18. * * * Declaring that millions of persons in this country are directly dependent for their livelihood on the growing, processing and distribution of cotton, the Textile Fabrics Assn., at its annual meeting adopted a resolution to appeal to President Roosevelt and Congress to take immediate action to fully protect American industry and labor from foreign competition in the marketing of cotton fabrics. * * * (18444*)

(5) Speaker calls cotton fields slum of South.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 2/5. * * * Calling the cotton fields "the open air slums of the South," Dean E. E. Davis of North Texas Agricultural College said that the most serious rural problem in the South is that of the impoverished tribes of marginal humanity - black, white and Mexican - subsisting on cotton. * * * "Poverty and ignorance have always clung to the cotton stalk like iron filings to a magnet," Dean Davis said. "Too much of America's worthless human silt has filtered into the Cotton Belt." * * * (335901)

News Column - Pro

- (1) Cotton co-op aids farmers.

JACKSON, MISS. DAILY NEWS. D. 2/9. 53,000 State farmers delivered 221,000 bales to co-ops this season. * * * (18501*)

News Columns - Con

- (2) Farm evictions bring misery in cotton area.

NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM. I. 2/7. Shareholders ousted by their landlords found to be wandering in roads. (Wash., D. C.) The Agricultural Adjustment Administration, already on edge by wholesale dismissal of left-wing officials, was presented with a report today saying its cotton program was bringing scenes like those of war-torn Belgium to Southern shareholders. * * * (335304)

- (3) South rapidly losing world cotton marts.

WASHINGTON, D. C. STAR. I. 1/27. Government warned to adopt new program lest other nations seize markets. (By Herbert F. L. Allen) * * * (18445*)

- (4) CONTROL CUTS SOUTH'S EXPORT.

ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 2/8. (New York) (AP) Foreign-grown cotton is rapidly usurping the export business of the Southern States and our crop restrictions have been welcomed abroad with "unmitigated satisfaction", John H. McFadden, Jr., president of the New York Cotton Exchange, said. * * * (18429*)

- (5) Textile men demand U. S. aid export trade.

CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE. IR. 1/27. Hampered by added costs of N.R.A. * * * (18446*)

D A I R YEditorial - Pro

- (6) Encouraging to farmers.

TWO RIVERS, WISC. REPORTER & CHRONICLE. I. 1/31. Wisconsin farmers have reason to be encouraged over the better outlook for agricultural products. * * * Cooperatives also are showing good returns in Wisconsin. At the annual meeting of the Fennimore Cooperative it was reported that much more would be distributed to members this year for their milk than was paid them last year. Officials of the Land o' Lakes Cooperative, which handles a great deal of the milk of Northern Wisconsin, reports similar better returns for farmers in that part of the state. Practically all cooperatives in the state are being able to distribute a larger return than a year ago. * * * (709114)

News Column - Con

(1) Says dairymen do not like A.A.A. program.

KNOXVILLE, TENN. NEWS-SENTINEL. I. 2/4. The A.A.A. program as it applies to the dairying industry has not taken so well with the farmers of the Mid-West according to Dr. W. B. Hammer, professor of bacteriology of Iowa State College, who made the opening address at the U-T Dairy Short Course. * * * (333369)

W H E A TEditorials

(2) Wheat board for Canada.

MADISON, WISC. JOURNAL. IR. 2/1. Canada, like the United States, is faced with the question of increasing the return to its farmers. * * * A wheat board is proposed to take charge of wheat sales. The plan is for the Government to purchase the wheat from the Canadian farmers at a price that will afford them a living and then sell the wheat at the price it will bring in the world market. * * * The statement is made that the creation of a Canadian wheat board will do away with the Winnipeg wheat exchange. The Government will act as the wheat selling intermediary instead of the brokers who now speculate in grain. (708109)

(3) An Italian wheat miracle.

TOPEKA, KANS. STATE JOURNAL. IR. 1/31. * * * Italy has a new wheat which twice has produced yields in excess of 100 bushels an acre under farm conditions. In test plots it has yielded as high as 131 bushels. * * * Discussing the miracle wheat, the Country Home points out that thru the genius of Prof. Nazareno Strampelli, Italian wheat breeding scientist, the Milanese can produce an average good yield for 100 acres of Kansas land on 15 acres. * * * The report of these developments comes at a time when the American farmer, particularly the Kansas farmer, has decided never to be without wheat again. That decision is based upon its use as a feed for poultry and livestock, as well as cash crop possibilities. The reported Italian production, with its seeding at the rate of two to four bushels an acre, will test his credulity, as well as adding to his market problems. (709111)

(4) Doing wonders with wheat.

DALLAS, TEX. TIMES-HERALD. IR. 2/3. Perhaps the greatest agricultural expert alive today is Prof. Nazareno Strampelli of Italy, an outstanding member of Mussolini's brain trust. * * * Prof. Strampelli obtained specimens of wheat from all parts of the world, and by crossbreeding produced varieties suitable to various soils of Italy. But he worked not only with the seed. On experimental farms he devised new methods of cultivation, including plowing to a depth of 15 inches. (709110)

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

Editorial

- (1) Alas, the poor potato.

RICHMOND, VA. TIMES-DISPATCH. ID. 1/16. * * * If tobacco and cotton growers can be benefited by crop reduction programs, it would seem that such medicine could be administered to the potato industry, which is being choked to death with its own surpluses. Unfortunately the potato grower has been one of our most rugged individualists, and while the need for cooperation has been felt for years, it has been seemingly impossible to get a working majority together. * * * (18443*)

Editorial - Con

- (2) Hogs that were not raised.

CINCINNATI, OHIO INQUIRER. D. 2/4. * * * No money which farmers ever received caused more jubilation than Government checks for hogs which were not raised. That was getting something for nothing. To all men that has an irresistible appeal. The farmer has long felt the city man had some magic formula for getting money in that way, and now that a kindly Providence has given him his turn at unearned money, he feels much set up in the world. Yet it has whetted his appetite for more. This feature of the New Deal has his unqualified approval. (707523)

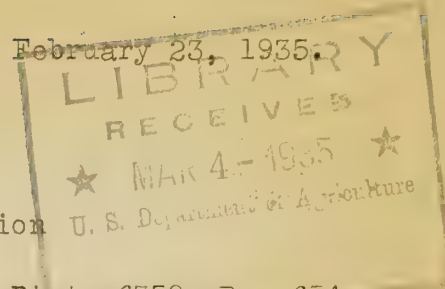
News Column - Con

- (3) Bean growers disdain A.A.A.

BOISE, IDAHO DAILY STATESMAN -R. 1/27. Group reelects officers but displays no interest in Federal plans. (Twin Falls) * * * (18430*)

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(1) Farm Income.

OMAHA, NEBR. WORLD-HERALD. I. 2/9. * * * The best we can ask is that progress shall be maintained in the right direction. It has been so ever since the New Deal faced us squarely about and started us moving uphill instead of rolling down. * * * (710682)

(2) Operating on Blue Eagle.

CHICAGO, ILL. PRAIRIE FARMER. -- 2/2. * * * To have prosperity it was necessary to restore the balance between farm and industrial production and prices. Until industry steps up production there is nothing for agriculture to do but reduce. There is another difference too, and that is that the demand for industrial goods is much more elastic than the demand for farm products. A family will buy two automobiles if it has the money, but it will not eat two dinners in the same day. Industry can sell more goods at home to make up for loss of foreign markets much more easily than agriculture can. If a revamped N.R.A. devotes its energies to encouraging increased industrial production instead of boosting prices and wages, a long step toward recovery will have been taken. (18600*)

Editorials - Con

(3) What Price Parity?

WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 2/9. * * * On the whole, a very large measure of success has crowned the efforts of the A.A.A. to attain the goal set for it. Nevertheless, it is evident that spokesmen for the A.A.A. regard these achievements as fortuitous, precarious and in many respects perplexing. *** In view of the complications and inconsistencies of the recovery program, it is easy to understand why official spokesmen for the A.A.A. worry about the future instead of congratulating themselves upon the success of emergency farm relief measures which have created innumerable new problems. (710683)

(4) More Powers for Secretary Wallace.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. INQUIRER. I. 2/14. * * * Thus it would appear that if the proposals do not seek to make Secretary Wallace a thorough-going farm "Hitler," they would confer upon him Hitleresque qualities of dictatorship. At the very least they would extend greatly the power of the Federal Government over agriculture. Considering that the Government's experiments in regulating supply and demand have not met with shining success, it would appear wise to weigh these amendments with care before imposing new autocracy upon farmers, distributors, and consumers. (712955)

(1) The More-for-less Economy.

MANCHESTER, N. H. UNION. IR. 2/8. A correspondent of the Union's "Observant Citizen" column illustrated forcibly the topsy-turvy state of economics under which we are living. It advances the striking paradox of more for less. Produce less and receive more. Work little and enjoy the more bountiful life. * * * (710693)

(2) Something to Shun.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D. ARGUS LEADER. R. 2/7. The more we study the proposed mortgage moratorium in South Dakota, the more convinced we are that our legislature should stay away from it. *** In the long run, a mortgage moratorium damages debtors much more than it assists them. South Dakota has avoided a mortgage moratorium through the most trying periods of the depression. It would be more than a little pleasant if we could keep the slate clean. The worst, we like to believe, is behind us. (710697)

(3) America's Weakened Backbone.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. STAR. IR. 2/11. One of the most scathing indictments of the New Deal's waste as an encouragement of American shiftlessness was delivered by William F. Wiley, publisher to the Cincinnati Enquirer. *** The Cincinnati publisher asserted that the Administration's brain trusters have been born of "subversive, scholastic, socialistic intellectual centers." Every scheme attempted in the name of recovery has been stamped with a reform label, with the Tugwells boasting of plans to create a new social order. *** The speaker declared that the public has been encouraged by the new dealers to lose confidence in orderly government begotten of constitutional guarantees, with the sanctity of contract wiped out by executive edict. *** The trend toward a combination of state socialism and autocracy, produced by reckless distribution of billions, marked by surrender of state's rights and congressional prerogatives, lead both to economic and political disaster. (18607*)

News Columns

(4) Swiftly rising Food Prices Alarm Nation's Consumers.

WASHINGTON, D. C. POST. I. 2/11. * * * (18604*)

(5) Farm Cost of Production.

MADISON, WIS. CAPITAL TIMES. I. 2/10. (Granton, Wis.) Wisconsin farmers, organized and unorganized, have for several years requested, asked, begged, yes, demanded of the Federal Government that it recognize legally and publicly the principle that agriculture and its workers and producers in every line of productive endeavor, should be, and, in a democratic system of economics as well as government, are entitled to the average cost of production, plus a living profit. * * * (18596*)

A.A.A. - AGRICULTURE GENERAL

News Columns - Pro

- (1) Farmer Buying Increase Seen.

DES MOINES, IA. REGISTER. IR. 2/10. Higher prices boost income. Prospects of increased purchasing power for the farmer during the first half of 1935 is described by the business bulletin of the National City Bank of New York. *** (18603*)

- (2) A.A.A. Boosts Farm Prices Above Parity.

DES MOINES REGISTER. IR. 2/11. * * * (339145)

- (3) Farmers Once More Becoming Active Purchasers.

SPRINGFIELD, O. SUN. I. 2/4. Merchants, bankers, tax officials, and realtors all note improvement. With livestock prices reflected daily in such encouraging headlines as "Week's Hogs Average Highest Since December 1930", "Top Lambs Near Five Year High", and "New Highs for Feeding Cattle," farmers are again becoming active purchasers of farm machinery and equipment and many other much needed articles of clothing and household furnishings, an economic survey of this section reveals. (337787)

- (4) Farmers' Council is Formed.

RALEIGH, N. C. NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 2/10. * * * The organization of the Farmers' Cooperative Council, designed to coordinate the work of agricultural agencies in North Carolina, was announced by J. W. Johansen, of State College, Secy-Treas. of the Council. * * * (18597*)

- (5) Farm Co-operative Move Gained in '34.

PHILADELPHIA, PA. RECORD. I. 2/10. Twenty-five new agricultural associations formed last year. More agricultural co-operative associations were formed during 1934 than in any other year during the past ten. * * * (337205)

- (6) Long-Time Farming Program to Insure Stable Agriculture.

DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 2/8. Pastures should become part of plans to save organic matter in soil and stop land erosion. * * * Diversification and individual initiative in need of being restored. (By Victor H. Schoffelmayer) * * * (18602*)

News Columns - Con

- (1) Holyneaux Hits Roosevelt for 'Economic Nationalism'.
ATLANTA, GA. CONSTITUTION. D. 2/12. Emory Institute is told that Administration's viewpoint is destroying export marts for U. S. according to Peter Holyneaux, editor of the Texas Weekly. (339144)
- (2) U. S. Importing Food Supplies on Big Scale.
CHICAGO, ILL. TRIBUNE. IR. 2/17. American agricultural self-sufficiency, maintained with few exceptions since the country was first settled, has been lost as the result of devastating droughts of the last two years and the New Deal crop control schemes. Today the United States is importing corn and oats from Argentina, rye from Poland and Russia, wheat from France, Argentina, and Canada, butter from Argentina, New Zealand, and Australia, and eggs and cattle from Canada. (341906)

C O T T O N

Editorials

- (3) Cotton Exports.
DALLAS, TEX. NEWS. ID. 2/10. * * * The way out is to accept the agricultural program purely as an expedient to meet an emergency while pulling for a sound remedy in tariff readjustment and restoration of foreign markets. The real danger lies in getting sidetracked by accepting a momentarily successful expedient for a permanent remedy. (712524)
- (4) Cotton.
FARGO, N. D. FORUM. IR. 2/7. From Washington comes word that cotton is causing deep concern to the A.A.A. and to the entire South. Whatever opinion one may hold regarding the compulsory control bill, the fact is that the present cotton program can only be a makeshift. Either a way has got to be found by which cotton can be produced on the old voluntary basis, or the South must turn to other types of farm production and rapidly. What to do about it is perplexing the A.A.A. but the viewpoint there is that compulsory control must remain until some better way out is found. * * * (710688)
- (5) Some Ifs on Cotton Prosperity.
KANSAS CITY, MO. TIMES. I. 2/9. * * * So if America expects to cash in on that predicted upsurge in world consumption; it will have to mend its ways in perhaps more than one particular. It will have to modify its tariff policies and seek foreign commercial agreements so that other nations can trade with us; and if the American grower is to be forced more and more into competition with a cheaply produced foreign crop, some reasonable and workable price policy for the portion of the American crop domestically consumed will have to be worked out. Then it will be time enough to talk of recovery and future prosperity for the cotton industry. (18601*)

Editorials

(1) Further Restrictions Won't Help.

GALVESTON, TEX. NEWS. ID. 2/7. Increased production of cotton in foreign countries resulting from the American curtailment and price-pegging program has opened up new markets for American manufacturers of gins and other cotton machinery. Naturally they have not been slow to avail themselves of the opportunity. Substantial shipments of machinery are going forward to our cotton competitors, particularly Brazil. That country is inquiring for used machinery, and at least one large American concern dealing in cotton and cotton seed products is preparing to enter the Brazilian field. (711594)

(2) A New Cotton-maker.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. ITEM-TRIBUNE. ID. 2/9. Argentina is the latest candidate for the roster of cotton-growing countries. It planted a little cotton acreage last year and is planning to enlarge it this year. *** It is perfectly sure that the older cotton-growing areas abroad have very considerably increased their production. It is also sure that this, along with foreign inability to pay for our cotton, has greatly reduced our cotton exports. This surely counsels that all possible pressure should be maintained on current efforts to set up some Federal policy by which a large part of the South's nominal cotton-production can be marketed abroad at whatever price is required to sell it, while the growers shall be protected in a higher price - an "American price" - for that part of their crop which is consumed here at home. (18606*)

(3) Cotton in South America.

CHARLESTON, S. C. NEWS & COURIER. ID. 2/11. * * * Cotton in South America is already something of a competitor and its threat is not idle. It is well for Southern cotton farmers to know what is going forward in other lands. If Southern cotton farmers understood the extent to which they are robbed by the American tariff policy, they would insist upon a radical change. Southern cotton farmers in the mass know nothing of the American "standard of living." Southern cotton farmers do not live in industrial centers of the East and Middle West. (713306)

Editorials - Con

(4) The South and its Cotton.

DALLAS, TEX. TIMES-HERALD. IR. 2/6. *** It is time for all groups in the South, including the handlers of cotton, to realize that welfare of the whole nation is menaced by the conditions that have resulted from this over-emphasis on cotton. (711588)

(5) What Price Cotton?

GREENVILLE, S. C. NEWS. ID. 2/11. * * * We cannot "hold up" the world for a cotton price higher than it is willing to pay. * * * We must seek to eliminate from our cotton programs factors that make it more difficult for foreigners to buy our cotton at prevailing market prices. (713301)

Editorials - Con

(1) A Ridiculous Suggestion.

JOHNSTOWN, PA. TRIBUNE. R. 2/9. The folly of the crop curtailment policy of the A.A.A. is forcefully exemplified in the case of cotton. It has opened the markets of the world to the cotton growers of other countries at the expense of American growers. It has taken a profitable business away from our own planters and given it to their competitors. *** Peter Molyneaux, editor of the Texas Weekly, points out the absurdity of the presumption that nations which are now profiting by reason of our stupidity would enter into any such agreement. *** The talented editor of the Texas Weekly is not alone in considering the Roper proposal ridiculous. We have made a mess of our crop curtailment program in the United States. It is not likely that foreign nations will permit us to meddle with their agricultural production problems. (711590)

(2) Cotton Reduction Ad Absurdum.

N. Y. HERALD-TRIBUNE. IR. 2/16. The persistence with which some of the New Dealers continue to believe in crop control as a sound policy is difficult to understand in sight of the many indications that the policy is leading toward ultimate disaster - especially in the field of cotton. The advocates of restriction must be hypnotized by a theory and blind to facts. What is completely incomprehensible is that intelligent persons in Washington can take seriously the suggestion that it will be possible to induce the rest of the world to join America in a world-wide cotton-control plan. The mere mention of such a possibility shows an unbelievable lack of comprehension of the factors involved. *** Why should Brazil, Egypt, India and other of the new cotton-growing countries be parties to an agreement which has as its prime purpose to help their American rivals, from whom they are rapidly taking much business? (713303)

(3) Cotton's Plight.

DETROIT, MICH. FREE PRESS. IR. 2/11. A number of chickens which the A.A.A. could not plow under are coming home to roost. Among them are certain consequences of the Government's cotton policy. *** The longer American cotton is held off the world market by an artificial price the longer will other producing countries have to increase their acreage to a point that will make other consuming countries virtually independent of the United States. Any idea that a third of an industry so important to American trade and commerce as cotton could be plowed under without serious social and economic consequences, if entertained in Washington, was doomed to cruel refutation by cold facts. An investigator for the A.A.A. states, after visiting certain cotton counties in Arkansas, that she saw "scenes like those of refugees fleeing wartime Belgium". The reduced acreage requires less labor to till it, so the landlord planters have turned out thousands of their tenants, without warning, and are charged with influencing local relief officials to refuse them aid. (711589)

(4) Arkansas as a Whole is Involved.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. GAZETTE. ID. 2/13. Arkansas is only one of many states with thousands of sharecropper and tenant farmers. But Arkansas alone is being "put on the spot." It is our misfortune to be held up as a state where share-

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(1) croppers, are being evicted wholesale without regard for their legal or human rights, and where civil authority is the tool of "plantation law," and the servant of large land holding interest. ***Without assuming to pass on the merits of the controversy it must be said that Arkansas cannot afford to let this thing drag on. The publicity gets worse from day to day. Nobody in Arkansas could be indifferent to it if he knew how it is involving the state in the country as a whole. (713603)

News Columns

(2) Cotton Research Plant for Texas is Asked of U. S.
DALLAS, TEX. MORNING NEWS. ID. 2/8. (Wash.) Establishment of a research laboratory for cotton wool and mohair at Texas A. & M. College under a Federal appropriation of \$50,000 was asked. *** The Texas problem has been accentuated, according to cotton experts, by the use of inferior seeding and pushing the land to the limit of production. The result has been breeding down of cotton whereas Brazil, Argentina and Peru have been breeding up and collecting a higher grading price. Planting restrictions are imposed by Japan, Russia and India. (18605*)

(3) Gummed Tape Trade Seeking Protection.
N. Y. JOURNAL OF COMMERCE. -- 2/15. Everett tells A.A.A. of heavy competition from sisal kraft and paper. Imposition of a compensatory tax on sisal kraft and other reinforced gummed paper tapes is imperative to prevent permanent loss of an important outlet for millions of yards of cotton annually in the manufacture of gummed botton tape, according to Charles K. Everett, manager of the new uses section of the Cotton-Textile Institute. *** (341206)

News Columns - Con

(4) Pall of Gloom Darkens Dallas Cotton Trade.
DALLAS, TEX. DISPATCH. D. 2/8. A pall of gloom and uncertainty hangs heavily over the Dallas Cotton Exchange these days. Employees and bosses sit in their offices with little to do but wonder how long they will continue to draw salaries; how long their firms will find it profitable to even maintain quarters in the building. *** These men watch with heavy hearts the disintegration of the industry that is the backbone of the South. They see workers and capital taken from local headquarters of giant, crippled cotton firms and sent to South America where there is government assistance instead of restriction on cotton production; where the tariffs are favorable instead of detrimental to the trade, and where land can be had for a negligible sum and labor for even less.

DAIRY

News Columns - Pro

- (1) U. S. Regulation Aids Dairymen.
WICHITA, KAN. BEACON. I. 2/9. "Producers of milk can thank Federal regulation," says A.A. McPheeters, vice-pres. of the Wichita Bank for Co-operatives, "for some part of the millions of dollars' gain in gross returns during 1934." *** (18599*)

News Columns - Con

- (2) May Terminate Local A.A.A. Milk License System.
CHICAGO, DAILY NEWS. I. 2/16 The fate of the Chicago Area Federal milk license rests with the effort now being made by the Pure Milk Association to secure individual contracts with the 125 or more companies now serving local consumers. Several meetings between Pure Milk Association and milk company executives have already been held and more are in the offing. The proposed agreements, it is reported, would bind the distributors to purchase most of their requirements from the Pure Milk Association membership. Prices are to be set by direct negotiation and, in case of a deadlock, by private arbitration. (341935)

L I V E S T O C K

Editorials - Pro

- (3) Livestock Boosts Farm Recovery.
LONG BEACH, CAL. PRESS-TELEGRAM. I. 2/9. Far-reaching significance attaches to the continued increase in prices on the Middle West Livestock markets. *** It was when the farmer's income became so reduced that he could no longer buy in the retail markets that the wheels of industry slowed down or stopped entirely. As his income increases and he re-enters the retail market, these same wheels again will start turning. (713593)

News Columns -

- (4) Canada Ships Cattle Here to get High Price.
CHICAGO, ILL. TRIBUNE. IR. 2/12. * * * (339171)

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

Editorials - Con

- (1) A.A.A. Trifles With Our Farmers.

SPOKANE, WASH. SPOKESMAN REVIEW. IR. 2/6. Grain and hay growers of the Pacific Northwest have about given up hope that the A.A.A. at Washington will give them protection and a square deal in American markets against foreign competition. (711601)

- (2) Hogless Farms Will Thrive.

RUTLAND, VT. HERALD. IR. 2/15. Hog raisers of Vermont have been given another opportunity to receive bounties from Uncle Sam for not raising hogs, but apparently this year it will be harder for the farmer as he will have to show more complete evidence of the sale of pigs in previous years. While we are not hog raisers ourselves, we still find it difficult to understand why paying farmers not to raise porkers is of benefit to the people of the United States. (713604)

News Columns - Pro

- (3) To carry Tobacco Crop Protest to Washington.

RALEIGH, N. C. NEWS & OBSERVER. D. 2/12. (Farmville) More than 200 representative business men and tobacco growers from 23 tobacco growing counties adopted resolutions against the proposed increase in the 1935 tobacco crop. * * * Hearing fears expressed that the proposed increase of the A.A.A. would result in a tobacco crop of upward of 800,000,000 pounds and a disastrous price scale, the delegates adopted a resolution calling for an increase under no circumstances of more than 80 percent of base acreage, and that the increase be used to take care of inequalities confronting small growers under the 1934 allotments. * * * (18598*)

